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Amendments to the Abstract:

Please replace the paragraph of the Abstract with the amended paragraph:

Apparatus and methods for an environmentally resistant germicidal lamp are disclosed. A cover may ~~comprise~~ have a material resistant to at least one of dripping, light splashing, light spraying of liquid and condensation. The cover may have a first section ~~comprising~~ having an opening for receiving a base of a lamp, and an inner surface for encompassing and being slightly larger than an outer cross section of the base when the first section receives the base. The cover may have a second section ~~comprising~~ having an opening for receiving a socket of an electric discharge lamp fixture, and an inner surface for encompassing and being slightly larger than an outer cross section of the socket when the second section receives the socket. The cover may shield and partially enclose electrical contacts of either the base or the socket from at least one of dripping, light splashing, light spraying of liquid and condensation.